## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOREST SERVICE CORONADO NATIONAL FOREST SANTA CATALINA RANGER DISTRICT

#### TEMPORARY AREA CLOSURE

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50(a), the following acts are prohibited in the area described in this order, and depicted on the attached map hereby incorporated into this order as Exhibit A, all within the Santa Catalina Ranger District, Coronado National Forest, Pima County, Arizona:

## **PROHIBITIONS:**

- 1. To camp. 36 CFR 261.58(e)
- 2. To use, park or leave a motor vehicle. 36 CFR 261.54(a) and 261.58(g)
- 3. To build, maintain, attend, or use a fire, campfire, or stove fire. 36 CFR 261.52(a)

## **EXEMPTIONS:**

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

- Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
- 2. Any Federal, State or Local Law Enforcement Officer or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

### AREA DESCRIBED:

The closure area is a riparian area within the area known as Bear Wallow and is located on the east side of Forest Road 833, also known as General Hitchcock Highway, the main roadway that traverses Mt. Lemmon. This area is located within Township 12 South, Range 16 East, Sections 5 and 6.

## **PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this order is to allow for the protection of the riparian ecosystem and water quality. There are many problems associated with heavy recreational use in the Bear Wallow area, particularly dispersed camping. Heavy use could negatively impact the watershed and disturb the wildlife habitat. Improper human sanitation could also negatively impact the downstream water quality.

## **IMPLEMENTATION:**

1. This order shall be in effect when signed and shall remain in effect until September 30, 2017, or until rescinded, whichever is earlier.

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2. This order supersedes, rescinds, and replaces any previous orders prohibiting the same acts covered by this order.

3. Any violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 for individuals and \$10,000.00 for organizations and/or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months. [16 USC 551, 18 USC 3571(b)(6), 18 USC 3581(b)(7)].

Signed in Tucson, Arizona, this

day of February, 20/

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